

SWITCHING STATION ARTIST LOFTS

15 S. Homan Avenue • Chicago, Illinois 60624 • Opened 2003



West Side success story

In 1999, the City of Chicago invited Artspace to determine the merits of a proposed artist live/work project in the Garfield Park neighborhood on the West Side. The focus of the investigation was the Roentgen School, built in 1906 as a telephone switching station. With its high ceilings, large windows, and central courtyard, the Roentgen was an ideal candidate for Artspace's first Chicago project.



Four years and \$5.3 million later, the Roentgen School reopened as the Switching Station Artist Lofts, a 24-unit affordable live/work project. The four-story building wraps entirely around its paved courtyard, which serves residents as a private gathering place and a safe play area for children.

Other amenities include off-street parking, a fenced-in play area on the building's sunny south side, and a lower level suitable for meetings and other events. Apartments on the building's upper floors afford fine views of nearby Garfield Park and the downtown Chicago skyline to the east.

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Project Information



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LIVE/WORK UNITS:	24
DEVELOPMENT COST:	\$5.3 million
TOTAL AREA:	36,522 sq. ft.
ARCHITECT:	Architects Enterprise, Ltd.
FINANCING:	Apollo Housing Capital, LLC City of Chicago Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines Illinois Housing Development Authority
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